

Trees, Books, and Fountains # 5

(The Book of Cursing: Part B)

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Shall we pray:

Heavenly Father, we know that all things are possible especially those things which are to be reversed at the end-time. As David one day said, concerning the little son that died, "He cannot come to me but I can go to him". And that was true back there. But now in this hour it's reversed, Lord, because we know some of us will not go to them but they're going to come to us. And that's going to be a wonderful day. We just pray, Lord, that we're of the election and ready. By faith we are, on the grounds that we believe Your Word every bit for the hour, Lord. No matter what Your prophet said about the churches – the true and the false – we believe it, Lord. By grace we believe it and somehow we have what it takes by the Holy Spirit to ignite by faith that revelation, and we become a real part of it and stand there with Abraham who called those things which are not as though they were, believing in a God who raises the dead. And we appreciate that this morning, Lord.

We pray You'll help us in our studies, [that] it might do us all good, that we might leave here better than when we came. Absolutely and positively it can be so. Because, we know there are those, starting back in the days of Cain, who left in worse shape than when they came. In the days of Paul they left a service – even the Lord's Supper and foot-washing – in worse shape than when they came. But, Lord, we can't believe for one minute we're going to leave this building in worse shape. We believe we're going to leave it in better shape, Lord, spiritually, and having prospered in our souls. Right down through the Word of God the released life will even be prospered in other ways also. We know that's true, Father; it couldn't be any way else. The prospering, one day, is going to release not just mighty power of godliness ... that's not really true, we know that. It's going to release what Life there is in the Word while the Mighty God, standing by, will bring the dead out of the graves and transform us and take us away.

This hope we have, Lord. And we know that we always say with Bro. Branham, that *"If we're not Bride and don't get this, there's a Bride out there somewhere that is going to get it. And by grace, we will not stand in her way. But, as friends of the Bride and Bridegroom, stand back and cheer them on."* May that be our heart's desire today, Lord, as we enter into resurrection truth, because it is the truth of the resurrection hour. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

1. Now, we're dealing with books and we did get into the second book, which we looked at in number [4] last Wednesday. So this is really book # 2 B, part B. And we're not trying to follow any particular line of reasoning or presentation in these books, except as we sort of can look at them in the sense of the chronology of the Bible, such as Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, and right on down through. And I don't say we're even going to be true to that. We'll likely be going back and forth as certain things come to our attention.

Now, the book we were looking in, of course, was the book of Numbers – that's in the Bible, now – at book # 2 which is the Book of Cursing. And it was in [Num]5:23, and it says here,

- (23) And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out with the bitter water.

In other words, he'll write them in and then he'll blot them out. Just why, I don't say that I know. But it's a book of cursing. And, of course, we read the context the other night, and it was verses 12-31. And it has to do with the husband who has a spirit of jealousy come upon him. Either righteously or wrongly, he surmises his wife as having an affair with another man, because of certain things he sees or because he's a little bit off balance.

Now, he's got a problem, at this time, because if his wife actually is living with another man, he shouldn't be touching her. He's got to expose her, giving her the Scriptural test the Bible prescribes. And then she must be put away, of course, which she would be burnt with fire. And if his suspicions are incorrect, that she is living true to him (that she is all right, she's clean that way), then she'll be vindicated. He will continue living with her. And, of course, then he must actually change his attitude concerning her.

Now, if she is found to be wrong in the sight of God through this test, then his attitude would be absolutely wrong for him to stand up with her and say, "Well, I'll forgive her". Unh-unh. Can't do that, see. Adam pulled that. He knew that Eve was messed up by the beast, and he played her redeemer ... actually usurped the authority of Jesus Christ, and there was a great mess.

2. Now, the man could not possibly allow his wife to remain with him, and him protect her, because it would wreak folly in Israel. And this is something individuals in the church don't seem to really understand, that one rotten apple can make the whole barrel of apples rotten. At least in its conduct, one toward another, its true attitudes can be defiled, and many things from God can go by the board, because of this so-called spirit of love which, in my books, is hogwash! I'm sorry, but I have no use for mother-love except as it deals with the children and in its place. But mother-love goes hog wild. Absolutely over-protective! Doing things it shouldn't do. Refusing discipline! Standing in the husband's way from doing it. It's murder! I tell you, any love that doesn't come from the Word of God by the Spirit of Life within it, is not only suspect, it is dangerous! Dangerous. And it will get you. Adam was wrong. So, the man would have to do what is right.

Now, this ritual evidently went on for hundreds of years. And as you look at this little book with its severe obligations that devolve upon the husband ... see, he has got to stand there and know that he's right, and she has got to stand there and she had better be right. This is a type of Israel, the church (the woman), and it also types the woman (the church). Now notice, the woman was a virgin when she married this man. There's no hokum, no problem ... she's a virgin. But now she could be miserably at fault in adultery. She starts out a virgin; in the marriage goes into adultery. Now here, what you're looking at, is identically what happened to Israel, happened in the Garden of Eden. It happened to the church that Jesus Christ redeemed by His Blood. It happens all the way through.

3. Now, we read in Jeremiah 3, the other night, verses 1-20, so that you can see this very picture. And this is very, very rough.

- (1) They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again (let her come back)? shall not that land be greatly polluted (that does that)?

Now, watch what it's saying. It's going to cause a pollution. The rotten apple is going to mess up the whole barrel.

- (1) ... but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers: (now watch) yet return again to me, saith the Lord. (Now, you see, Adam couldn't do that legally – he did it anyway – but God can.)
- (2) Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou has not been lien with ...

Now, that's idolatry. The 'high places' is where the heathen worshipper went, and to the groves. And usually they had on the high place, they had the groves. And you will notice in the history of Israel that when the kings decided to reform the church and cause Israel to be spiritual through the political influence, it might go as far as the high places but it never ever cleared up the groves. You go through your Bible and you're going to see, there was always a place that they left in order to entice the people to idolatry. That's exactly why you've got the Bible speaking of whoredom, of fornication from the physical to the spiritual, because it's the greatest spot of enticement there is. You know what I'm talking about right in the Garden of Eden; it types it all the way through. Even though a man is married, too many men are looking for another woman. And today with women's lib, the women are looking for other men. Now, you've got the picture right here.

4. Now,

- (2) Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways thou hast sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.
- (3) Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain, and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

Now, the point is: in representing the church, there is no way that the latter rain will not fall in God's appointed time. But you notice what it's saying here: what you could have had as living reality in your midst through the latter rain, God withheld it. Now, when it comes to the Sovereignty of God and a certain particular time, God must bring it to pass because, as in our day, the former rain must fall at the time of the latter rain. In other words, the teaching must be restored to the church. That's absolutely THUS SAITH THE LORD. And so, God would have to have a latter rain.

5. But you'll notice something: as the church went a-whoring, the power of God deserted her and the gifts of the Holy Spirit never came back until the end of the sixth church age. You had a little bit here and a little bit there, but where God would have blessed His church continuously, as Bro. Branham said, "*The sweet Spirit of Christ coming into the church.*" ... the gifts, as it were, now laid aside. Everybody getting healed; people being healed left and right. You can see now what you're looking at. You're looking at the fact that as the church puts away its idolatry (which is adultery), puts away its fornication (which is its false doctrines and a false worship), more and more going back to the Word, which is what this is all about. People going off the Word – there's another word for them, and the word is 'judgment' ... let's understand that. The church has a Word. When it stays with the Word, there is no judgment, see. When there is a word, then judgement has got to come ... that is, the church gets 'another' word.

6. Now see, what we see here then, if the church puts away from amongst herself ... and as I've taught all along, the one tie-post is this Word. If it kills you, stick with it! Live or die, sink or swim, stick with it. Stay with it. Then, the Spirit of Christ is released above the gifts. Because, gifts should follow Word. But when you get back to the Word and follow Word, you can put the gifts on the shelf, as it were. Then watch ...? ... begin to move in His church. See, you can't get away from what I've been preaching. You try as you want, but I'm meeting you here in this pulpit, and I will meet you a thousand years from now at the White Throne, and there won't be one word changed, what I'm telling you. There isn't going to be, because it's the Word of the Lord vindicated by God through His prophet.

7. Now, He said, "You've got a whore's forehead." Well, what's a whore's forehead? Literally, all she can think of is men, making merchandize on (capitalizing on) their lusts which she evidently enjoys also. What is it to the church? Her head is filled with nothing but the wrong word! It was the wrong word that brought fornication to Eve, where Bro. Branham said, "*She was a whore*". Now, you do what you want. That's what he called her. [You] say, "Well, I think the man was a little bit too harsh." Hah! How would you like to be burnt with fire? Would you sooner be called a whore and get back with God, or burn with fire? You take your choice. Bro. Branham wasn't hard. People just don't know how to take the man. The whore's forehead ... now remember, "bind your phylacteries," which was a little box with the Word in it on the forehead signifying the mind occupied with the Word. What is this woman occupied with? She is occupied with her false doctrines, her creeds, and her dogmas – the Nicolaitane, Laodicean concept of the last Age. What are we supposed to have on our foreheads? The constant Word of God. The constant talking the Word of God in the home, and applying it – "What did Bro. Branham say about this? What did he say about that?" The doctrine. "What did Bro. Branham say about this, vindicated by God? What did he say about the other thing?" The constant application of the Word to the mind is what was not applied. And we are to apply it in this last hour.

8. He said, "You refused to be ashamed." Naked, miserable, and doesn't even know it. And John tells them, "That we might not be ashamed in His Presence." Coming a time right there ... coming a time right there. It's already passed. Not ashamed. And I'm going to tell you: those that were not ashamed were the whores. That's right. I'll bring a letter sometime and read what the great Mr. duPlessis (Mr. Pentecost) wrote about Bro. Branham. Those words are forever etched. "Bro. Branham (quoting the prophet, he said), oh that he had an iron pen and could write on a slate, rock." Mr. duPlessis' words will burn like fire, because he doesn't have one bit of vindication, not one thing out of the Bible, except the folly of Pentecost, which is a false doctrine.

9. [Jeremiah 3:]

- (4) Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth? (In other words, turning the hearts of the children back to the fathers.)
- (5) Will he reserve his anger for ever? Will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things (that you could).
- (6) The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? She is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. (That's idolatry! Harlotry is idolatry!)

- (7) And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.
- (8) And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.
- (9) And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. (That's what the Bible said; they made graven images.)
- (10) And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD. (Like Bro. Branham said, "*They're screaming for revival and then fighting i.t*")
- (12) Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.
- (13) Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice ...

Now, you know I said the other night (which is true ... and Protestantism is to be blamed also), but you can't find one place where the Roman Catholic church has not gone but it adapted itself to the religion of the people. It just merely superimposed, by murder and God-knows-what, upon the people a little so-called Christianity, and they mixed it all in. You have the identical picture of the Old Testament; you've got it right today. Nothing ever changes; only the new people doing it. Same old news, just different people.

10. Shalom. Can I speak Shalom, this morning? Are we different people, not doing the same old thing? Listen, we've got to answer to God. Either this is vindicated or it wasn't. Don't say, "Why ... yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, just yeah, yeah, yeah, tell me what it's all about?" Then get somebody to produce it! I want to see somebody produce it. Bunch of blathering spiritual idiots! Blaspheming, day and night. Anybody can talk! Any jackass can bray. But they're just like Aesop's fable – The Jackass That Would Be a Lion. So he put on a lion's skin. He said, "I'll take over the animals and scare the people." And they were, until he opened his mouth to speak and proclaim he was king of the jungle. And his voice betrayed him. Anybody can talk. Only God can produce.

The casting of the lots, brother/sister, is in your hands and mine, but the disposition is in the hands of God. See this quarter? I can toss it. Do you know something? God made it show tails. You don't believe that, do you? You don't believe it any more than I do. I don't believe it much either, but I know it's true. That's right. Okay.

11. The day is coming, God said, [Jeremiah 3:]

- (15) ... I will give you pastors according to mine heart ...

Not according to fornicating religions in churches. Do you believe, at the end-time God can raise up men who repudiate one hundred percent the creeds and dogmas, the fornications and the idolatry and the adultery – the whole bit – and stand and give you the Word of God? If you can't believe that ... you don't believe the Bible. And I've got no faith in you. I can lose faith in any friend or anybody today who tells me this Bible lied. Let me tell you something: Jeremiah is to the nations. Israel never ever got her true pastors, period! God came and wiped the system out. And the 144,000 will be born-again through the Blood and the Holy Ghost, through a revealed Word that has been vindicated – two messengers, Moses and Elijah. And I have no doubt Bro. Branham will hand it back to them. How he does it is his business. If he doesn't do it ... I say, I have no doubt, in this sense: I believe that could well happen. I don't know for a hundred percent. Well, I know one thing: now Bro. Branham has left the scene the Gospel has got to go back to Israel. It's going to go back on the basis he left it.

- (15) (Now) I will give you pastors according to mine heart (what's the heart of God? The gentiles also come in,) which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

12. This Age, after roughly thousands of years – two thousand of the Gentiles and many years under Israel – the true church of God has an opportunity [to] have a true five-fold ministry. Though, as one man said Bro. Branham told him ... which I have no reason to believe or disbelieve. I knew the man he was supposed to have told it to, but I don't know what he told. He said, "There aren't that many true five-fold ministers" ... at that time. There could be this time, this time, this time ... I don't know.

- (16) And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

And that ... you go on and on, you'll find out that you're looking right down at the time of the end, which we see in this hour.

13. Now, the Old Testament speaks in these terms very often (what we read here in the book of Jeremiah). But also, you will find that the church became a harlot and adultery oriented in the first church age, as given to us in the book of Revelation, chapter 2, speaking to the Ephesian church in the seven verses, you'll notice [Rev 2:] 4, 5 and 6.

- (4) Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
- (5) Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent, and do the first works;

Now, before you and I can understand this, let us remember that God is now speaking to Bride and non-Bride, plus foolish virgin which is non-Bride. But remember, you've got the two vines – true and false. You've got the sheep ...[if]?... a true election, the Lamb's Book of Life. You've got the Book of Life in which names will remain and will not be taken off, and you've got those whose names will be taken off, because they are led by those who misinform them – the false prophet ... yeah, the wolf, the wrong tree, and they are a part of him. The parallelism of Scripture

holds good from Genesis to Revelation. So, you've got the two of them right here. The Spirit of God never repudiates the Bride. Never ... unh, unh. Nope. Fathers and mothers can forsake their children, but God cannot. We are engraved upon His palms. (See?) As His Word is to be continually before us, we are continually before God, because Jesus Christ is our great intercessor. And on top of that, the Holy Spirit within us intercedes for ourselves and for each other. All right.

14. He says, now, to the church which has corrupted herself. According to 2 Corinthians, she is already a fallen woman. Paul is suspicious. The corruption, we'll read, is not sexual; it is mental. The whore is in the forehead, not the genitals. Do you understand what I'm saying? It is a spiritual thing, positively, and mental. It is not a physical ... though she becomes physical, with her monks and her nuns, the same as all idolatry goes into it – sexual impulses which are never, ever denied. Rather, they are neither mitigated, but they are absolutely pampered until it's nothing but a sexual mess.

[Revelation 2:]

(4) Nevertheless I have (something) against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. (Now, that's the present condition.)

Now, he says,

(5) Remember ... from whence thou are fallen (that's a past condition. In your present condition, repent. Do the first works. Go back. See?) or else I will ... remove thy candlestick ... except thou repent.

Well, the point is: the church doesn't repent! So the candlestick is removed.

(6) But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

So, I want you to notice two things here. Verses 4 and 6 are present tense. #1) They're in a place of 'the first love' is gone, and they need to change their minds. So, love has something to do with the mind. It is not a physical passion, now, where you're moved because of your hormones raging. No way. But notice,

(6) ... this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. (So, something is there. Nicolaitanes ... something to do with the mind.)

15. Okay. Let's go to Galatians 3: and I think we can see it,

(1) O Foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Hogwash! They didn't see him crucified. It's a revelation. It is a mental instruction! The mind being instructed by the living Word of the Living God. And a revelation seems to be apparent. And he said, "You've understood what took place in your age, which was the death of Messiah, the outpouring of the Holy Ghost".

Now, he said,

- (2) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
- (3) Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Now listen: The hearing of the faith was the basis of the Spirit! What hearing of what? The Word! Now,

- (3) Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?
- (4) Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.
- (5) He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the (Word of God!).

16. Do you understand what I'm saying? Get the picture here. Paul the apostle said, "I never came to you in weakness, except weakness in myself. I came to you in the power of the Living God, and the Word that I preached was in the living power of God. And I manifested exactly what God said would manifest." Now, what has happened? The Nicolaitanes have come with dead creeds and dogmas, and the sophism of the world – the wise, so-called the foolishness – and they've taken the people away from the Living Word of Almighty God. That's why exactly the latter rain couldn't keep falling. That's why the power of God wasn't manifested. Because, the living Word was gone. Bro. Branham with the living Word stood before the people and showed what the living Word can do – the days of the Son of man on earth.

Now, you can see what happened in that first age. They have absolutely fallen from the living Word. Men are now not employing Heb 13: 7 and 17, where you rule by the Word of God, where there's a vindicated Word that you stand with. And Paul having taught his people well, they were able to spread it and teach it, keeping alive the ministry of the Word in the church. But they turned from it.

17. Now, there is no way that the Spirit can be ministered ever again until it comes back to a man of the caliber of Paul, who did not handle the Word of God deceitfully but brought it a hundred percent vindicated and said, "Now, this is ministering to you the resurrection." This is absolutely the Word of God, right here in the Book, brother/sister. This is why they couldn't have a resurrection and a rapture in the first church age. Because, it was down the road for all the rest of the sheep to come in, and on top of that, the church was going to go to adultery. And Bro. Branham said, "*That's exactly what happened.*" But there will be a church at the end-time; she won't have a chance to commit adultery. Do you know why? Because she doesn't know where to turn! Top that man's act, which is the act of God. Top it!

You say, "Bro. Vayle, what if they do?" I'll spit on it. There's always an original. He had his Mount ... show-down; not Mount Sinai, but where Elijah took them up that time. Bro. Branham withstood the Pentecostals. You're not going to withstand the Baptists. What's a Baptist got to do with it? Presbyterian ...?..., they've been dead for so long it's pitiful. They don't just stink; there's nothing left to stink. [Laughter] They're gone like the chaff in the wind, or the gases and ashes their bodies produced. Pentecostal is what stinks. They're dead and they don't know it. The Bible said

they'd have a name like that – “twice dead, plucked up by the roots.” Dead physical, dead spiritual. What a horrible mess. They've turned down the living Word. The church is to be ruled by the Word. No preacher gets up and rules; you do what you want. Do you think I'm going to ride herd on you? If I have to bring you to ...?... sometime, that's a different story. It's up to you.

18. All right, we see the church start to play the harlot. She's winking (as the Bible said) with her eyes, and tinkling with her toes. She's lining up her customers for adultery. Now, that was Age 1. In Age 2, you'll see the mixed multitude. In Age 3, you'll see organization begins to creep in. In Age 4, you'll see them right into it – hide-bound. They're stuck in the Dark Ages. In Age 5, you'll see justification under Luther begin to come forth, but they're so weak they can't do anything but just hope something will happen somewhere down the line. And it does. Because in Age # 6, a little strength comes into the Church, and we see the church proliferate. We see it coming back to the place where God wants her – without adultery. She had begun to clean up her act. But she can't get away from organization. It starts in the first church age; it has got to be completed in the seventh church age. And at the same time, a Bride has got to come back, that's virgin, or there's something wrong with the Bible. Age 7, – you can see where she is – she is absolutely a total whore, to God. She doesn't even know it. She claims, like Israel, “I'm the Bride of Christ; I'm the true church; I'm the living one.” She's no more than nothing. She's completely deluded. What does the Bible say concerning her?

19. [Revelation 3:]

(17) Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

There is not one good thing that God says about the church! Yet, at the same time, there's a Bride in that church. What does He say to the Bride?

(20) [Paraphrased] “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and I've got a message for you: I love you. I've got to rebuke and chasten you. And if you've got any zeal toward Me (and you say you have), then you had better get ready to change your mind, because I'm going to take all your doctrine away from you and give you the right one. I'm going to bring you back to where you are no longer a whore.”

Only God can do that, because only God can grant repentance. Only God can grant that you and I change our minds. That's why people in this so-called message right today cannot change their minds. There's no way they can listen and understand what I'm saying. They'll preach all around it. Just ask them one question: “Tell me, who came down? Tell me, what came down? Tell me, why He came down. Tell me what He's doing, if He's doing anything.” They can't do it. They're not interested to tell you. They would sooner blaspheme the Word. God hasn't granted repentance; that's the whole thing. That's why you should never try to stuff your minds with things you don't know the answer to. Just wait until God grants it to you. [If] you try to stuff your minds, you're going to get into deep water, right up to here [Bro. Vayle demonstrates]. Years ago you didn't understand me. Can you understand me now? You had better thank God you can. And don't try to stuff your minds; just listen. You say, “Why?” Because, I wasn't called to sit in the pew; I was called up here. You are called to sit in the pew. See, Bro. Branham said that. I can say it too, if I'm part of the same ministry. If I'm not, then I'm just kidding you. Get yourself somebody else. You're stupid not to. Just plain ignorant, that's all. We can't deal with that kind of nonsense.

20. Now ... this fallen woman, she's completely fallen away from any light and life. She's totally a prostitute – a whore, unto God. Any child, therefore, that she brings forth must be a child of whoredoms, which is a complete bastard. That's right. You know that has got to be the truth. Absolutely. She's completely backed [blackened?] out from the Word; then what life has she got in her? It's all darkness. But she will bring forth a child – it will be antichrist. She has got to bring forth in flesh. As Bro. Branham said, "The church at this time is too weak. She couldn't bring forth the child if she tried." She couldn't bring forth the Christ. The organized churches are attempting to bring Him forth. They can't do it! Anything they bring forth will have to be a bastard child.

21. Now, let's understand this, brother/sister: what is a bastard child? It's where the right man gets the wrong woman. You say, "Well, I think it's two people that had a child out of wedlock". You're entirely wrong. The only true bastard child, in this civilization, can be where two married couples get together – the man with the other man's wife and vice-versa – and have a child. The original meaning of an illegitimate child is, 'the right man with the wrong woman'.

I want to ask you a question: these churches all around the world (from the Roman Catholic and every Protestant) speak in tongues, is that the Holy Ghost or the devil? You had better say it's the Holy Ghost, because you could be blaspheming God. What spirit is it? It's the Spirit of God. [If] that Spirit is into a non-Word people, she will get pregnant, as Mary got pregnant. But not being the seed of God to begin with, she'll bring forth the bastard child, which is the antichrist. She's got to do it. Don't think she's not going to do it, because she is going to do it. Everything in the Scripture tells you that.

22. Now, if you want to see this church (and I suppose you do), you go to Rev 17:1-9.

- (1) And there came one of the seven (messengers) which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:
- (2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.
- (3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.
- (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:
- (5) And upon her forehead ... (her mind was totally Mystery Babylon. No more Word of God than a dead hog inside a dead horse ... inside of hell itself. The mother of abominations) ... THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

That tells you exactly what she is. [It] comes out of the mind. Paul said, "I fear lest your minds have been seduced, that you will turn to another spirit, another gospel, another Jesus." The

Roman Catholic church and the Protestants have turned to another spirit. Right. They don't know it, but they have another Jesus, another word. And that's all they know.

23. And it says, [Revelation 17:]

- (6) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, (she hates, the same as Cain) ... the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (What do you mean 'admiration'? I was overwhelmed, see.)
- (7) (And he marveled at her) ... the beast that carrieth her ...
- (8) The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit (no foundation), and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.
- (9) And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

Verse 15,

- (15) And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

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- (16) And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
- (17) For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

24. In other words, there's going to come a time when they'll rise up against the whole mess, even as people are rising up against Communism. They'll rise plumb up against the power of the church. Bro. Branham said, "*It's going to come from Moscow. One of the bombs is going to hit Rome; it's going to hit America.*" That will cure it all.

- (18) And the woman which thou sawest is that great city which reigneth over the kings of the earth. (Even the Roman Catholics know it is Rome.)

Rev 18: 1-5,

- (1) And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven with his glory.
- (2) And he cried mightily with a strong voice saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful (beast).

In other words, the Babylonish church ... the one that came back there in the time of Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar, you are looking at now in the form of a church which is now from within all nations, governing all nations.

- (3) For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication ...

See, what is the wrath of the fornication? It's burning ... burning. What happens right now with sexual diseases? They burn in their primary organs of generation, in the urinary system. Burn! A sensation which will be multiplied when fire hits them ... a burning. Notice:

- (3) ... the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. (You play along with her, you'll get rich.)
- (4) And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
- (5) For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.
- (7) How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and (I am no widow ... (I am the living wife of the Living God).

25. "Hey, Rome and you Protestants, when have you had any proof that God is really among you? Never mind your conversions. The Hindus can do just as good, and better. Let me give some proof. Let me see something." Can't do it. They don't have THUS SAITH THE LORD. It's all gone. But she says, "I'm the queen."

- (8) Therefore shall her plagues come in one day...

Listen, in spite of Lk 17:20-30 – the days of the Son of man; the separation of the Word by the Word, of the people; the separation unto Almighty God – in spite of all that, they do not repent. Therefore, the plagues will come in one day.

- 8) ... death and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

And remember, that takes place at the time of Heb 12: 18-29, the time when God speaks from heaven ... the same time this Mighty Angel cries. Could Rev 18:1, be Rev 5:1, be Rev 10:1?

Now, this great adulterous reprobate church system started out by turning lightly aside from her Head, Christ the Word, who is both Rhema and Logos. And, as Bro. Branham kept on quoting – not revising Scripture, but interpreting it, revealing it – when he said, "*One day God is going to judge this world by one Christ Jesus, and He is the Word.*" He's the Word. (See?) And as the harlot in Numbers 5 is, she is tried by the Word, so Christ tries the church at the end-time. Now, watch this woman's spirit grow in the church. It is the spirit of the harlot who increases her wickedness until there is absolutely no shame to her (she's naked).

26. That spirit is seen in Rev 6: 1-8.

- (1) And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.
- (2) And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

This takes place after John's treatment of the first church age, which the spirit is amongst them, but as Bro. Branham said, "*You can't crown a spirit.*" So, under the seals the church gains her power under Constantine when heathenism comes into the church and the church begins to set aside super strong men, of which one becomes a pope, a leader. They depose the leaders that God sends.

- (3) (Number two:) ... the second seal (opened), I heard the second beast say, Come and see.
- (4) And there went out another horse ... (It) was red: and power was given to (it) ... to take peace from the earth, (and bloodshed set in, and men began to kill each other. And a great sword was given to the church to begin to destroy.)

Taken over by man. Now with absolute authority, [he] can kill anybody he wants. The Roman church has controlled nations and made kings and armies do their bidding. That's right.

- (5) (In verse 5, he opened the third seal ... a black horse. He was given) a pair of balances in his hand.
- (6) ... A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; (but) see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Now, there are your two vines brought out as never before. "Don't hurt the oil and the wine: you leave revelation and stimulation by revelation completely alone." You can't touch it. The peace of God, the anointing of God, is true through all church ages. Then watch the last one, the fourth seal.

- (7) And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.
- (8) And I looked, and behold a pale horse ...

That's entirely erroneous; it's a brindle horse. And Bro. Branham not knowing anything about the Greek and anything about this, he said, "*See, all three are poured into one*". And everything poured into one horse – black and white and red – is brindle. It's a very peculiar color. Now, remember, that's what happened under organization.

27. The fourth seal is Omega. Omega is Alpha. What is Alpha? The spirit of antichrist enthroned in a man. And the last day, Satan enters the man. As we crown our God King of kings, they will crown their god as though he's king of kings. They'll crown the devil. Thus, this world

church is looking for a man to head it up. It will head it up according to Revelation 13, (which is America).

- (1) And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.
- (2) And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. (What was that ... this great authority? The power of ruling the world by sin, because Adam sold out.)
- (3) And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death, and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. (That's Romanism [which] died as a nation, and came back as a religion.)
- (4) And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

That was proven at the time when the Pope visited Poland. There's no more they could have more than nothing. It was already arranged ahead of time. (See?) They listen to his mouth and believe it. That's the trouble... Verse 6,

- (6) And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.
- (7) And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (That's what they did. And in her is found all the blood of the martyrs.)
- (8) And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.
- (9) If any man have an ear, let him hear.

In other words, you've got to understand, and you'll get it. If you don't have understanding, it's going right over your head.

- (10) He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

All through the ages the saints must wait for their time as the other church waits for its time. And they both claim to have the same goal and the same God.

- (11) And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

That's America, coming up out of the earth. There was no great civilization here ... very few people. So he's given an ecclesiastical and a civil horn, to speak, there.

- (12) And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

28. In other words, America will revive the Roman system. And it still needs reviving, but America will be responsible for it, and bring forth the antichrist. When you see the Pope come out of America, you had better sit up and take notice.

- (13) And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,
- (14) And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

In other words, the Trinitarian Roman Catholic dogma must become absolutely fully effective and enforced. In other words, idolatry must reign supreme, even though it's in the Name of God. That's the way Cain did it – right in the Name of God.

- (16) And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Do the will, to think the thoughts, receive the doctrine. Notice, every time it is a forehead, it's of a whore – the mental.

- (17) And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.
- (18) Here is Wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. (Which we know, that is absolutely true.)

Now, the devil has a bride. Here is a church worshipping the devil and doesn't know it. Jesus said, "In vain do you worship me, having for doctrine the traditions of men". He said, "Beware of the doctrine of the Sadducees and the Pharisees and the Herodians." This woman has claimed to be the Bride of Jesus Christ. So God gives her the test of jealousy.

29. [Rev]14: 6-12,

- (6) And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.
- (7) Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains ... (That's Revelation 10: – God exposing Himself, coming down and swearing by Himself. Okay...)

- (8) And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
- (9) And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
- (10) The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb.
- (11) And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
- (12) Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus (Christ).

The difference between these people is the Word of God. They have a legitimate faith based upon legitimate understanding. All right.

30. God sends His prophet, in Hebrews 6, for this test. Because, this is the test to the whore: “Are you going to believe what has been declared unto you? That is your test. If you flunk it, you will burn with fire.” Now, remember, it speaks for the hour of “His judgment is come.” The discerning God, that discerns through William Branham, where nobody could hide, if there’s five or five hundred, five thousand or five million. The same One came in the power of discernment, presenting to the church its last call to repentance. For it says in Hebrews 6, after Luke 17: 20-30 – the actual manifestation of the power of God, vindicating the Word – there is no more opportunity to repent.

The seventh church age message of repentance – Rev 3:19 – is here in Revelation 14 and in Hebrews 6, giving us the opportunity. (See?) God sends His prophet, in Hebrews 6, for the test. The presence of God is before her, as seen in Lk 17: 20-30, because this is literally Melchisedec, God Himself, His own High priest as He was to Abraham before the destruction of Sodom and the coming of the Son in flesh, the Promised One. Stands right there, and they have the opportunity to repent, and they don’t do it. There it is, and there it is ... [Bro. Vayle points to ?], and Bro. Branham said, “*Scientifically*.. I know they don’t want to believe that. Who gives a rip what they believe. I’m not going to waste any time crying over it. I may feel sorry for certain people, but I don’t have enough outrage of any description to feel sorry for everybody, and I don’t intend to be. You say, “Well, Bro. Vayle, the point is: God loves the sinner and hates his sin.” I’ve got news for you. “He’s angry with the wicked all day long.” [Ps 7:11] Doesn’t sound too much like love, does it? Or somebody’s missing the point.

31. All right, listen. The woman must now take the dust of the temple. What is the dust of the floor of the temple? Well, the floor of the temple would have to be part of the foundation. And remember, God said, “I will make you a pillar in the church.” That’s in the church ages. That’s not for the wicked; that’s for the righteous. When God speaks peace and good in the seven church ages

and seven ...?... messages, it's only to the Bride. That's a true Bride. He said, "I'll make you a pillar." And the pillar reaches from the foundation because it is a part of the foundation right to the top.

Now, remember, it was Samson who got a-hold of the two pillars in the temple unto Baal ... yes, sir. And as the servant of God (which Samson was a type of a prophet, a great judge), he took those two pillars and pulled on them, and the whole thing came down. Well, I want to tell you: God has built a temple from the foundation that isn't going to be pulled down. The harlot temple will be, but not the temple of God.

32. Now, what to me is this dust of the floor? Well, I'm going to tell you something: you put a floor and your feet coming in will wear on that. And today, you know, they tell me women's high heels can actually dent steel plates – in fact, I've seen it. And what [am] I trying to tell you? Your walking on something begins to wear it off. Now, walking on the Word of God is exactly what the church has done. God gave them that Word as their foundation to build on. Right. The corner stone is the same as the capstone; it's only a different place, a different time. What have people done? They've walked on, or belittled the Word of Almighty God. So, that dust there (to me) on the floor represents the original Word of God that has been belittled, worn down, cast aside, forgotten. Let that Word of God be given back to us. And remember, most of it did not need to be given back. It was merely correcting the errors, filling in the little cracks that you couldn't see with the seals on the back of the Book. Now we've got a people who can see it. And the Word, then, to me is where God anoints His Word, His Own Self doing it by the Holy Ghost and bringing it to life and gives this woman the drink. And the prophet said, "*I held your noses, church. And I tried to pour it down your throat. And you spit it out.*" Therefore, God can only do one thing: that woman who failed the test must positively be burned.

33. 2 Thessalonians 2: (Bro. Branham correctly said), "Now, by our gathering together" ... let me read it to you:

- (1) Now we beseech you, brethren, by the (Presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him ...

That is not the Second Coming. That is before the Second Coming. It's a gathering together unto Him. How? By the Word of judgment that comes forth from 2 Th 1: 2-12, and then is shown us in 2 Th [2:] 8 to about 13, which is the Word of truth which the people turn down.

Now, listen: you can't have two Words of truth! There is only one Word of truth, and the Word of truth is the original Word that the apostle Paul, the prophet Paul, brought. And they turn it down.

34. Now, therefore, this woman is judged and she is now there rotting because of her whoredoms. Her condition is a sexual disease because she is rotting. It's absolutely the Word of God. It's scientific. AIDS make you rot. The swollen belly is the cancer that follows AIDS, because it's related. You can't deny it. There is only one way to stop her plague (and believe me, God's way is best); fire alone can do it. The Russians are way ahead of us. They have found germs that are resistant to almost every single thing but fire. And there is a disease that resists everything but fire. And you're going to find that this plague they are into now. And, of course, everybody is playing it down. Everybody. Didn't they play that down, too [Bro. Vayle points to ?], and say that was a phony and a fraud? Make him some wicked kind of a person, some kind of a nut, some puffed

ego idiot? They trample the Word of God underfoot. And the Bible said, “If you despise Moses’ law, you despise the blood, you despise the covenant.” And these people have done it; they have turned away from God. There is only one thing going to stop her, and that’s a plague.

From the sword of the Word of the prophet she is delivered to the Fire. Remember, the very words of John the Baptist (over there in the book of Matthew, I believe it is) when he talked about the One standing amongst them, he said, “Whose fan is in His hand and He’ll thoroughly purge His floor; gather the wheat in the garner, but the chaff He’ll burn with fire unquenchable”. Now, he names the chaff above the tares. Because, why? God’s purging His church at the end-time before He purges the earth. And the chaff has been separated – the Pentecostal chaff – for the wind, to blow across the desert. There’s no life in chaff. The life was once there, but it’s gone out; it has passed into the seed. So, therefore, there will be a resurrection at the time of the Pentecostal, the last church age, but they’re going to miss it.

35. Notice, again in Num 5:29-31. I’m not able to cover the whole book, as though I know all the answers, brother/sister. I wish I knew more of the answers. But all I can do is relate to you what I see. If I see more later on, I’ll tell you. But this is the best I can understand [of] what I’m talking about. This is that bowl, that water. God pours out all the plagues. Remember, they take a bowl up and pour it out. These are the plagues. I could read that, too, but I’m not going to have time this morning. We’re going to look at [Num] 5:29-31.

- (29) This is the law of jealousies, when a wife goeth aside to another instead of her husband and is defiled:
- (30) Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.
- (31) Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

Now, it tells you right there what’s going to happen to her. She’s going to bear her iniquity – no way [to] get around it. She won’t bear any children, now, because she’s caught in her whoredoms. There is no way she can be with the man she married (she says she’s married to, but she denies it by going to somebody else. See?) Now, look-it here: it says, here, it doesn’t mean that the woman did it. And if she didn’t do it, nothing is going to happen to her. No judgment. The Word of God in judgment, vindication, will entirely exonerate the Bride. You didn’t even do it.

36. Now, watch. Let’s go to verse 28, and it said,

- (28) ... if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and (she) shall conceive seed.

The woman that takes the fiery sword of God’s unique judgment, which is the revealed Word (the revelation given her) she’ll be clean and she will bring forth that child, which is Christ, in flesh. She will bring about the resurrection. She will bring about the rapture. She will bring about the crowning, because she’ll do it. And she won’t come back to earth. Now, remember, God is her Head, and doing it all for her and through her. But it’s going to take someone that God can utilize and manifest through, and He does it.

37. Thus, we stand today, the jealous God of the original Exodus out of Egypt with Moses, made some very strong statements in Exodus 20. And notice what he says here (first few verses,)

- (1) And God spake all these words, saying,
- (2) I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- (3) Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Now, He's talking about the people that came out. And there are a lot of people that come out of Egypt and they don't know what they're doing out of Egypt. A lot of folk came out of Babylon. They hate this Message. As Bro. Branham said, *"They can be harder and meaner than those in organization."*

Now ... "no other gods before me". Still Trinitarians.

- (4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
- (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Those that hate God are found in idolatry. Jesus said, "They had not known sin except I showed them these great wonderful, marvelous works that no other man did. But now, since they've see it, they both hate me and my Father".

38. Let's go back and take a look at that. That's Jn 15:24.

- (24) If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

You tell these people they hate God, they'll spit in your face; they'll be so mad, they could kill you. I never even called a certain guy ... there was an editor of a paper down in Florida. Never said he wasn't a Christian; he misunderstood me. And he was so mad, he just cussed me up side down. He just G.D'd this and S.O.B'd everything right there in my presence ... and he was a 'great Christian'. You know, I would have been normally insulted, or something. I sat there, and I was grinning inside; I could hardly keep from bursting out laughing in his face, "Oh, yes sir!" ... you know, doing my best to bite my tongue, keep my lips in, while he raved up and down what a great Christian he was, and I was the worst rotten man in the world to ever believe that God could heal the sick, because "God didn't come down and heal them all." That's your churches, brother/sister.

If you ... listen, do you hear what I said, right here? The Church of Christ that denies the healing of God and makes it ...[the devil]?..., hate God. And you can go to some of them and find some of the sweetest spirit under God's high heaven. Let me tell you people to your faces, this morning, look you in the eye: I know what I'm talking about. You don't, but I do! You've come out

of that sweet spirit of hell and walk right out of the Spirit of God: “Well, He’s not nice enough.” Well, you’re nice? How nice are you?

39. Moses, the meekest man in the world became utterly despotic and vindictive, the minute somebody rose up and said, “Listen, Moses, I’ve got Word also,” ... and Moses typed Jesus Christ. Do you believe he’s there? Do you believe He’s there? [Bro. Vayle points to ?] That’s up to you. I can’t convince you; it’s up to you. [Exodus 20:]

(5) ... unto the third and fourth generation ...

(6) And shewing mercy unto ... them that love me, (and notice: even they that) keep my commandments.

You’ll not bear the name of the Lord your God in vain. You’re not going to be held guiltless if you talk about Him and say, “Yes, I love Him. I do this, and I’m that, and I’m related.” God will hold you to it and say, “Is that so? All right, let’s take the test of the whore.” Do you think He won’t? He has done it! That’s why, amongst us who believe, there’s a fatalism. I don’t know what it’s all about. Don’t ask me; I don’t know! When Bro. Branham comes back, I don’t know if I’ll still know, ... [if he bothers to]?... look me up.

Don’t get thinking you’re going to be some great thing because he’ll come back. Paul’s coming back, too. Sure, they’re all coming back. All the true Bride of Christ is going to come back. Don’t think they won’t. What about now?

40. Listen: the same God of Mt Horeb that gave grace through the prophet Moses, that said “Everybody under twenty (back in those days) can go in,” tells us to remember Horeb when Elijah comes, that there’s still grace, that the jealous God will not bring the fire of Malachi 4 if we’re found in Malachi 3 – we who fear His Name, understand and know His Word, and talk it. If you can’t talk the Word, brother/sister, in my books you ain’t got it.

Now, I don’t mean to be a preacher and I don’t mean to be some great witness and I don’t mean to run around even. I’m just saying, “Hey, look! Do you know what this Message is about, or don’t you?” Bro. Branham said, “*My ministry is to declare that He is here.*” The ministry is the declaration of Christ the Word is here, having vindicated Himself and His Word, and is **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. If you [don’t?] know everything about it, it doesn’t matter. You weren’t meant to, any more than I was. The God of “an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth” pronounces double upon the whore. Christianity is not an evolution! Jesus Christ is not a third part of a Trinity. He’s not some nice guy that up-dated religion, who said, “Once upon a time it was an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, but now I say unto you, forgive and forget. Do good deeds.” God hasn’t changed. If He changed, why is He going to give the whore double? She doesn’t even know she’s a whore ... any more than the foolish virgin knew they were serving God by doing something nice for somebody. They all turned down vindication; that’s the trouble, of course. But they still don’t know what it’s all about.

41. God is a jealous God, brother/sister. The God that told us that we are approaching to Mt Zion, and at that time the voice of Him that comes from heaven is on earth, at the same time says, “Our God is a consuming fire.” He’s not going to consume you and me. He’s going to consume those in Malachi.

God vindicates His Bride at this time. And then the same vindication manifests the whore. The Word that brings life, brings death, because it's a two-edged sword. The same God that destroyed the Sodomites will in no-wise destroy the righteous. But in Revelation 19, He comes back to destroy all the wicked, and renovate the earth. The whore, why will she be destroyed? Do you know why? Because she opened her mouth. If she hadn't opened her mouth, she might have got by. You say, "Well, Bro. Vayle, I understand Bro. Branham said (and it's true), that *"the words spoken ...[inside]? ... speak louder in heaven."* That's exactly true. But, you see, if she hadn't opened her mouth, she wouldn't have had any witnesses against her except God. And she'll have all those witnesses against her, standing on that day. She would have just had God to deal with. But, you see, she deliberately destroyed, and with the word of the enemy tried to destroy the people of God. Because of her the earth is going to be judged. As Bro. Branham said, *"I indict this generation."* Only the Bride believes that was God speaking through a prophet, and the indicting is already finished. But now, the Bride is waiting only for the dead to come forth, and to go with them to the Wedding Supper. And the great whore, her judgment has been pronounced, too. And the Bible said, "Great is the God Who brings forth the execution." Great is the God that brought us the Word, that brought us back to virginity.

42. The Roman Catholic church uses holy water and pretends it will make you a virgin. That's a laugh. This is something that will [Bro. Vayle shakes his Bible]. Sprinkled with the Word – the waters of separation, the Blood having already completely justified her – now she stands robed in the righteousness of Christ. You know, brother/sister, if you look at the great church of this world, their fine buildings and everything they've got, they really are rolling right down that highway, as though they've really got something. And she's that well-dressed up woman ... well, put it straight, she's "sexy". *"But the Bride,"* Bro. Branham said, *"Like a flat tire along-side of her [the church],"* Her hair doesn't look like nothing along-side of that thing out there, that's coifed to the essence. *"Her designer,"* Bro. Branham said, *"Her fashioner is Hollywood, the devil."*

43. Let me tell you something: women represent the church. How could any woman knowing the truth, ever be dissatisfied and want something different from what the prophet brought us? Peter said it, way back then, "Let her adornment be of a spirit that signifies the Spirit." The apostle Paul said the same thing. Bro. Branham brought us the same Message. And I'm going to tell you something: God's Word about the whore is, that she is dirty within and without, but the Bride is all glorious within and without. I would sooner be Bride with no shoes on my feet, packed and caked in the mud of this earth, walking instead of riding, getting into a buggy instead of flying. Now the Amish aren't going to make it because they do that. Mennonites – they haven't got a prayer. Come up as foolish virgin, that's the best you'll expect of them because they've turned down the Word. I can't help what the Bible teaches. I'm just going to teach the Bible – especially the vindicated parts [that] I know to be true ... in the sense, true in my day. Oh, it's true in somebody else's day and down the road, but I'm talking about my time, now. I'm not responsible for back there and the future. I'm responsible now. No, you might look pretty awful according to the world, but how do you look according to God? That's what counts.

The Book of Curses, brother/sister, whether you know it or not, has been entered. And someone was proven guilty, and someone was vindicated. Let's rise and be dismissed.

Gracious God and Eternal Father, we thank You again for the time we've spent this morning in church. And we know, Lord, there is no way – if we've received the Word – but we're going to leave here better people for it. Better in understanding; that's a big thing right there. Better in

conduct, because we know, Lord, we're strengthened with might in the inner man. In every way, Lord, the betterment is by faith and grace – the outworking of the life of the Word within the vessel. Father, we recognize that.

Now, Lord, where we have something to say about it, which we know we do in our souls, we have the right to believe or not believe. And this in its way is an absolute position of passive faith. There isn't one finger we have to raise. There isn't one step we have to take. Not one blink of the eye. There is just one thought to come from our minds and hearts: that this is the truth that the prophet brought us. And what lies within this Word he taught us is our rich legacy from You, Lord. And with it we will grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

And we will be more at rest and peace and harmony, Lord, than we've ever been before. And so fortified with might in the inner man, though all those three seals were poured into one last seal, and a brindle, let it all repeat. And it could ... I don't know, Lord. From what the prophet said, I don't know that it will. It seems our great task is the battle of the mind. But these other things could happen, too; we know that. (Or, at least, they're there that we might know them ... experience them.)

But, Father, whatever is there, I know that there is a Bride that has what is needed, [what] it takes at the end-time. That no matter what happens to her, she'll stand there and go through with You, Lord, because it is predestinated unto her.

So, we thank You, Lord, that You are doing it all. The power of predestination, the Living God in hearts, minds, and souls of men and women. Even as we pray, we ... our own thinking, Lord, seems too much. But, Father, this morning we know we've only got one decision to make there, and that's to give way to Your thinking. And actually we're glad to do it – to give way to Your thinking.

Bless our people today, Lord, whatever their needs are. Some are away. Where they are, we don't know, but You know what they're doing, Lord, of necessity ... this, that. We pray that You'll be with them to give them an understanding, the same as we get here, Lord. And the help that we know we're getting here this morning. Because, not one of Your Word is void of power. And that Word in our hearts and minds will increase us in strength unto the perfect day.

Give comfort, we pray, to those who need comfort. We know families are involved, here. But we know, Lord, as a family of God together it supercedes any family by itself and makes a bond, Lord, of faith and strength that overflows on those that need the grace at this particular time.

So, Father, we thank You that we've received measures as never before. And this is the hour of the great triumphant – Your Own epiphanaea, Lord, as it were, and ours also coming to that place. O God, we thank You. Be with us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

'Take the Name of Jesus with you.'